telecast of more quality Punjabi programmes from DDK Jalandhar with special emphasis on Khalasa Culture; (v)Limiting the Hindi programmes to 5 per cent, removal of all non-Punjabi Producers and Artists from AIR/Doordarshan Kendras in Punjab & Chandigarh; (vi) appointment of Sikh announcers and artist in AIR/Doordarshan Stations in Punjab; (vii) procurement of Punjabi teleprinters for use in AIR/Doordarshan Stations in Punjab; (viii) special preference for the views of militant organisations in the news bulletins; (ix) replacement of the word 'militant' by the Punjabi word 'Kharku'; (x) non-usage of the words-"terrorists", "extremists and "ultres" in the news bulletins; (xi) invitation to the militants and their representatives to present their views on Radio and Television; and (xii) commencement of every programme or news bulletin with "Sat Sri Akal' in place of "Namaskar" as at present.

Information relating to the kidnapping of Shri M. L. Manchanda, Station Engineer , AIR, Patiala was received on 19th May, 1992. Ministry of Home Affairs and Government of Punjab were contacted immediately to effect the safe recoverp of the officer . Senior officers of the Ministry and DG: AIR visited Patiala and met the staff of AIR and reviewed the security measures and also visited the family of kidnapped officer in Panipat. However, unfortunately, on 27th May, 1992; i.e.; after a lapse of 9 days from the date of kidnapping, Shri Manchanda's headless body was recovered from the Punjab-Haryana border.

The security of AIR/Doordarshan installations in the State of Punjab has reviewed and steps have been taken to strengthen security. CRPF/BSF are being deployed to guard all AIR/Doordarshan installations as well as residential colonies in the State of Punjab PSOs have been provided for Heads of offices, and armed guards have been posted at their residences. The members of the staff are placed up from their residence and dropped at the office and *vice-versa* under armed escort. Mobile armed guards have also been provided for OB duties. Action has also been initiated for construction of additional staff quarters, wherever required.

Pending demands of staff artists

227. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI SOMPAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that demands are pending since long for: (1) separate cadre for staff artists iin I&B or its equivalent with time bound pay scales;

(2) promotional avenue at par with other cadres of AIR and Doordarshan for creating proportionate number of higher posts;

(3) the basis of selection of newsreaders-cum-translators for promotion to grade II and I be restored to "Seniority-cum-fitness";

(4) appointment of Cadre Review Committee;

(5) filling up the vacancies caused by retirement in different language units; and on other issues: and

(6) what is reaction of Government to these demands, so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) An Association representating the erstwhile Staff Artists/ Artists of All India Radio and Doordarahan has raised various demands from time to time and such demands are examined on continuous basis. All Staff Artists/Artists of All India Radio and Doordarshan have since been deemed to by Govt. Servants with effect from 6th March 1982, and they will be governed by same conditions of service as are applicable to Civilian Central Govt. Employees. Demands made by the Association pertaining to Cadre Review, promotional avenues etc. are considered in the light of relevant instructions of the Govt.

on the subject. The vacancies caused by retirement are filled up language/unit wise. The post of Newsreader-cum-Translator Grade II and Grade I, being senior level Group 'A' posts, are at present, filled on selection basis.

National Commission for Safai Mazdoors

228. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a National Commission for Safai Mazdoor; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

New National Wage Commission

229. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a New National Wage Commission to determine the parameters for fixing wages for the different sectors of economy and also for the Government employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the industrial workers who are required to work in shifts for longer hours with less yearly leave and as their wages currently being linked with productivity are opposed to parity in their wages with Government employees and for setting up of such a Commission; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take to reach amicable understanding with labour and Government employees to remove the bottleneck of frequent strikes in the largr interest of economy of the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Government have no such information.

(c) Does not arise.

Unorganised workers

230. SHRI PRAGADA KOTALIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provisions of labour laws are applicable to unorganised workers;

(b) whether there is a proposal to bring forward a comprehensive legislation for the benefit of unorganised workers and also the classes of unorganised workers which are to be benefited by the proposed comprehensive legislation; and

(c) whether there is a representation requesting Government to enact a legislation to treat handloom weavers at par with beedi workers in matters relating to provisions of provident fund and other welfare measures?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Ministerial group on new industrial relation

231. SHRI KAMESHWAR PASWAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministerial ground on new industrial relations has finalised its recommendations: and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.